

REMARKS

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated May 8, 2006, an initial sequence listing in paper and computer readable form is attached to this paper. The content of the paper and computer readable copies is the same and contains no new matter. The amendments to the specification have been made pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1) to add appropriate sequence identifiers.

The Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to CFR § 1.821(a) which requires that nucleic acid sequences with 4 or more *specifically defined* nucleotides be included in the sequence listing. Nucleic acid sequences with fewer than 4 specifically defined nucleotides are excluded from the provision. Clearly SEQ ID NO: 1 contains fewer than 4 specifically defined nucleotides; more precisely, it contains 3 specifically defined nucleotides (A and T and G) and 15 undefined nucleotides (15 n's). Therefore, a sequence listing should have been unnecessary for this application.

It is submitted that the above amendments contain no new matter and their entries are requested. In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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Attachments: Sequence Listing

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